



BPW New Zealand

NZ Federation of Business and Professional Women

Empowered Women for the Future "...bringing the voice of women to business"

Newsletter May 2012

President's Message..... Carolyn Savage

Today I would like to begin with congratulating all the women who participated at Conference 2012, for being a voice for your members and the women of NZ. To our Life Members/Past President's Pauline Gapper and Joan Bielby, to our International Guests, plus special acknowledgement is extended to Rae Julian President UN Women. A more detailed report will be provided in next month's newsletter. Thank you to BPW Franklin, their families and the Franklin Community for the huge support, sponsorship and donations which ensured a successful conference.

A very special and warm thank you is extended to the following BPW women, your newly elected Committee for 2012:

Vice President Membership:	Janette Hudson (Central Hawkes Bay)
Treasurer:	Elaine White (Upper Hutt)
Imm. Past President:	Angela McLeod (Upper Hutt)
Projects Chair:	Diane Dean (Huntly & Districts)
Programmes Chair:	Claire Gregson (Huntly & Districts)
Technology Chair:	Lorraine Cameron (Tamaki) and our newsletter editor (thank you)
Legislation Chair:	Vicky Mee (Franklin)

A postal ballot will be sent through in the next two weeks with nominations received for Executive Secretary and your Executive and I hope that there are women who after conference have had the time to consider putting their names forward to assist the success and growth of your Federation: Vice President Issues, YoungBPW, Funding, Marketing and Public Relations.

Our first Executive Strategic Planning Meeting is being set for the second Saturday in June (9th) and it is open to all BPW members. The Executive meeting will be on the Sunday (10th June) and again open to members but only the Executive offices have the power to vote. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Draft Strategic Plan and a copy of the notes will be sent to all clubs in the next couple of weeks.

In addition to the Strategic Plan each club will be receiving the following information:

- ⇒ Membership Document that has developed from information collated from clubs and members to date in hard copy,
- ⇒ Yearbook with the club's most inspired events for 2011 (some reports have been received), pdf format
- ⇒ The Congress reports as only some clubs/members received a copy, pdf format
- ⇒ Certificates to all the members who this year achieved 25yrs membership, as we are now up to date over the last 55 plus years
- ⇒ The BPW NZ Constitutional amendments (pdf format).

There will be a number of items and news over the next few months and as our website is developed and officially launched online this will provide a wider tool for you to all use. I have to thank Lorraine Cameron who is beginning to create a draft database and PLEASE if there is anything specific you would like to see on the database, e.g. company names, Board positions etc then send

your ideas through to the Executive so we can see how this can be incorporated. If we know what you want to obtain from the database, then we can ensure the tools work for you.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead (1901-1978) American anthropologist.

Warmest regards,

Carolyn Savage, BPW(F)

BPW NZ President

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President's Diary:

7th May:	BPW Huntly & District Dinner Meeting (guest speaker)
10th May:	BPW Franklin Committee Meeting
16th May:	BPW Franklin Conference Planning Committee Meeting
23rd May:	BPW Franklin Dinner Meeting
9th/10th June:	BPW NZ Executive Strategic Planning Meeting
11th June:	BPW Huntly & District's Candle-lighting Dinner

Introducing your new Executive

President: Carolyn Savage – BPW Franklin

Carolyn is a Registered Architect with the drive and commitment for sustainable and green/environmental architecture. She is registered with the USA Energy Star association and is a qualified Australasian Green Star Accredited Professional. Carolyn's family - husband Irvine and son Alexander make a great support team for all that Carolyn commits to.



Carolyn joined BPW Franklyn In 2004 holding various committee posts since 2005. At her first national BPW Conference in 2008, she became the new Marketing Convenor. Carolyn was one of the driving forces behind the Road show and the 70th Birthday celebrations - a task which gave Carolyn a great insight into the achievements of many BPW leaders both past and present who are worthy of emulation!

As an alternative delegate to Congress in Mexico City, the importance of the work which begins in the BPW clubs, goes up through the channels of BPW NZ via conference and then to BPW International and the United Nations was reinforced and confirmed. Carolyn is committed to tackling key issues on behalf of the membership.

1st Vice President - Janette Hudson - BPW Central Hawkes Bay

BPW Experience

Joined BPW Central Hawkes Bay - Feb 2001
Committee member-2004-2012
Secretary-2005-2010
Executive Secretary-2010-2012
President-2008-2010
Past President-2011-2012
Publicity -2012
Attended many National conferences & Regional meetings.



Career

School Teacher / Principal - semi-retired.
Business partner with husband- now retired

Other Experience

Served on various committees while our family were growing up.

Personal Statement

I am married to John for 45years. He is very supportive of my interests & is always there to assist.

We have lived in a few places during our married life as we strived to reach our goal of owning our own farm. We lived for 20 years in the Manawatu then moved to Hawkes Bay 19 years ago and have just recently retired into Waipukurau . My teaching was in the Manawatu and in Hawkes Bay where I also took on a Principal position at a country school in our area .I still enjoy some relieving work at a couple of local schools.

We have 4 children. Our daughter married an Australian [we forgive her for that!!!] and lives in Wollongong. Two of our sons are in Perth involved in the mining business and another son is in Hamilton with the NZ Animal Health Board. We have 6 beautiful grand-daughters whose various interests we follow keenly.

My interests include - gardening, reading, music, travel and fishing and I have just joined a walking group.

I do enjoy BPW both locally and nationally. I learnt so much when I was President I felt I wanted to maybe challenge myself a little bit more!!.

Treasurer - Elaine White. BPW Upper Hutt

Occupation

Chartered Accountant

Work Experience

Have been employed since 1986 in positions from senior accountant to office manager and have been a business owner as a partner to 2005 and since then as a sole owner to 2008.

I worked as an accounting contractor from 2008 when I sold my business. I started my sole practitioner accounting business in April 2010. During this time I have been a member of the New Zealand Society of Chartered Accountants and hold a current practicing certificate.



BPW Experience

I joined BPW Upper Hutt when the Club started there after my mother encouraged me to attend the inaugural meeting in 1986.

I have held various committee positions including Treasurer for the Club. During my time as member I participated as Treasurer for the Conference held in Wellington. I was able to assist with auditing the Federation Financial Statements for that year.

I was President's Associate during Angela McLeod's term as National President.

I attended BPW Conferences in Wellington and Hamilton as delegate each time and as observer in Masterton and Gisborne, and as Treasurer Elect in Auckland

I have been the Executive Treasurer for BPW NZ since last Conference.

Personal Statement

I am married with 2 children and 3 step-children with 4 grandchildren and 6 step-grandchildren aged between 6 weeks and 18 years. I enjoy our beach house and time at Lake Taupo where we fish on the Lake and enjoy relaxing.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue working for BPW's aims and to ensure the finance policy is strictly adhered to.

Immediate Past President - Angela McLeod. BPW Upper Hutt

Angela has a Bachelor of Agriculture and a post-graduate Diploma in Development Studies (both from Massey University, New Zealand). Although she has also been involved in educating New Zealanders about fair trade and third world issues and enjoys sharing her home with AFS exchange students, her paid employment background is in management of ethical retailing and print media. Angela worked as the executive assistant to Sue Kedgley MP, until Sue's retirement at the last election, and is now supporting Steffan Browning MP, based in Wellington.



Picture shows Angela McLeod at the launch of the Pay Equity Challenge Coalition, Pay Equi-tea at Parliament, Suffrage Day 2009.

BPW has been a part of Angela's life since her mother introduced her just over 12 years ago, joining Upper Hutt club and after editing the bulletin becoming involved with the committee. Some members might remember her first conference in Auckland; three women asked her to stand for Young BPW Convenor, which she took as a compliment because she was 37 at the time! Now 46, she is enjoying her

time as Immediate Past President of the Federation and being able to mentor and support the other Executive members and Convenors. Supporting BPW at International level takes some of Angela's spare time; after attending two Congresses as Deputy Leader of the delegation, she is now on the Expert Panel of the Public Relations Standing Committee and is also the standing committee member representing the Asia-Pacific region.

Angela is a strong advocate for women, effective in articulating policy and as Federation Vice President Issues and Federation President was successful in pushing the BPW voice on pay equity, increasing women in leadership and highlighting the effects of violence against women.

Angela is also passionate about healthy and sustainable living and enjoys her lifestyle block in Upper Hutt along with husband Mac. Oh, and two dogs, one cat, two chickens, 20 or so sheep, 7 cows (and one late calf), two pigs and various wild birds, hares and rabbits!

Projects Convenor - Diane Dean BPW Huntly & Districts

Joined BPW Huntly & Districts-14 April 1993

Committee member-1996-2012

Education-1996-1998

Membership-1998-2000

Secretary-2000-2002

President-2002-2004

Past President-2004-2009

Committee member, member's welfare-2008-2012

Huntly & Districts BPW Festival of Arts & Design, secretary-1999-2009

BPW NZ Conference planning committee-secretary -2008

BPWNZ Project committee- 2008-2010

BPWNZ Project convenor-2010-2012



Legislation Committee – Vicky Mee BPW Franklin

I believe passionately in the ability of women to change direction and recreate their lives to make them more stimulating and satisfying. I also care about the communities we live in and the need to provide financial support, education, and encouragement to unlock talent. Put that together and BPW for me offers the opportunity to help women make the most of their potential.

I've done heaps of things: geologist, stay at home mother of three for seventeen years, potter, IT technical writer, IT project manager, orchardist, and now community worker. Major professional



achievements were managing the installation of an inter-company fraud system for the NZ Insurance Council and the building of the Rewards system for the Automobile Association and its installation in all the partner sites.

I live in Pukekohe and have belonged to Franklin BPW for three years. In 2011, I was elected Second Vice President and am First Vice President this year.

Technology Convenor - Lorraine Cameron BPW Tamaki

Joined BPW Kaitaia 1985 – 1995, BPW Tamaki 1996 – present and held the following positions:

- President Kaitaia and Tamaki
- Secretary Kaitaia and Tamaki
- Bulletin Editor Kaitaia and Tamaki
- Committee & Executive
- Bulletin Editor
- NCW Representative since 1998
- Webmistress since 2008
- BPW NZ Conference Planning Committee
- BPW NZ Technology Convenor since 2011
- Attended many National conferences & Regional meetings.



As a member of BPW over the last 26 years, I marvel at how we have progressed from the photocopied monthly bulletin to the website, and have kept up to date with technology through participating in short courses, seminars, and now webinars. I firmly believe in the aims and objectives of BPW and would endeavour to convey any of my skills to anyone who wants to learn.

Programmes Convenor - Claire Gregson BPW Huntly & Districts

BPW History as at May 2012

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Occupation: Marriage and Funeral Celebrant. J.P.

BPW Experience:

Joined BPW Huntly & Districts Club - in 1989

Club(s) offices held:

Club Secretary: 1994

Treasurer: 1996 -1998

1ST V.P: 1999 - 2000

Club President: 2001 – 2002

Bulletin Editor: 2 Years: plus 2 more years recently.

Funding Convenor since 1999:

Delegate for Conferences.



Winner Daphne Chapman Award 2006
Conference Planning Committee Chair 2008
BPW Huntly and Districts Artz Festival Chair and treasurer
BPWNZ Federation positions held
2003 – 2004 Programme Convenor
2011 – 2012 Programme Convenor

CONGRATULATIONS from Projects Convenor - Diane Dean

BPW NZ Club Awards presented at BPW NZ Conference 2012.

BROOKER MARKETING AWARD- is presented to the club that has been the most effective in marketing BPW through an activity completed in the current year.
Presented to BPW HAWERA.

ALIX HAYWOOD GAVEL- presented to the club which displays the best standard of communication primarily through the newsletter.
Presented to BPW FRANKLIN.

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - presented to the club that contributes most to their local community.
Presented to BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS.

HARRISON-LEE MEMBERSHIP AWARD – awarded to the club that has achieved the highest increase in membership
Presented to BPW HAWERA, with a massive increase of 71%.

NEPAL LITERACY LAMP- \$1000.00 awarded to the club that raises the most money for the Women's Literacy Project in Nepal
Presented to BPW AUCKLAND

CLUB OF THE YEAR- presented to the club that has best demonstrated the Aims of BPW over the past year, makes an impact within their community while remaining focused on its programmes and goals
Presented to BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

MARGERY TOULSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - awarded to a BPW member for the purpose of undertaking education and training relating to senior leadership and governance
Awarded to- Alison Hobbs- BPW UPPER HUTT

I encourage all clubs to start thinking of which awards you could enter into, entries close on 1st March each year, but remember most clubs do not have a general meeting in December & January- so plan early. Entry forms, guidelines, & criteria are on the BPW NZ website.

Diane Dean

BPW NZ PROJECT CONVENOR

For further information on Awards go to <http://www.bpwnz.org.nz/projects.html>

CONGRATULATIONS from Programme Convenor - Claire Gregson and the Executive



Congratulations to Robyn Davison of Christchurch on obtaining her Gold K.T.A. Pin. Well done Robyn.

New Horizons for Women – from the Chair

At the AGM and 20th celebration dinner of New Horizons for Women, I moved to Chair for 2012.

The AGM and dinner was held at the old Museum building which is now part of Massey Campus in Wellington. The beautiful venue added to the evening.

Isabella Moore, a 21 year old New Zealand – born soprano of Samoan, Irish, English, and German heritage, currently in her third year studying towards a Bachelor of Music degree, under the tutelage of Margaret Medlyn, at the School of Music in Wellington, entertained with two arias. What a presence and voice – left the hairs standing on the back of your neck! I am quite sure Isabella will go a long way in her career and do remember her when you are looking for an entertainer, you will not be disappointed.



The Guest Speaker was Kelly Tikao, the NHW 2011 Ria McBride Research award recipient – a passionate and interesting presentation on her work documenting Maori birthing practises and how some of them could be integrated into modern maternity care.

Past Chairs of NHWT who were present at the evening

From left: Margaret Ellett, Mary Mowbray, Lyn Dowsett, Mavis Shuker (present chair), Elizabeth Orr (Vice Patron), Pat Sivertsen, Lynn McKenzie, Jean Corbin-Thomas

In 1993 three awards were presented to the total value of \$6000 and in 2011, 33 awards were presented to the total value of \$103,980. From small beginnings the trust has steadily progressed. As we honoured the past we also looked to the future. New Horizons has a family of very loyal sponsors and in return New Horizons Trustees and Officers have also done an incredible job – they have diligently worked at doing the very best with the funds they have in their care, making those funds grow by wise investment, bringing new sponsors on board, and fundraising in many innovative ways. The Trust has all the processes in place for accepting applications, to the decision making as to who receives awards, through the Trustees who have this responsibility and the panel of qualified women they have in the community to assist them. It is a huge amount of work and I often wonder when I see a local organisation offering an award, why they don't put their money with New Horizons to administer – the award is given in their name, to their criteria and they also have the

opportunity to present it. It is something I'd like to encourage in my tenure as Chair. But – what I feel the Trust does not do well is **communicate** and I see this as my **KEY FOCUS** for the coming year. In our recent survey it came through strongly that the general membership of our nominating committees does not know who New Horizons are or what it does. I would enjoy the opportunity to speak at conference or club level to change this and also to show how very relevant the Trust still is 20 years on.

April 30 sees the conclusion of applications for the 2012 awards round and the task of deciding who receives the awards begins.

Mavis Shuker, Chair

SelfDay – International Self Esteem Day 24th June

[SelfDay – International Self Esteem Day - 24 June](#)

The brainchild of attitude specialist, [Janice Davies](#), SelfDay is an awareness day focusing on the importance of esteem to help us become successful. It's also a great opportunity to remind others of their value and worth.

On SelfDay you're encouraged to:

- ☺ Do 5 things to boost your own self esteem eg. have a massage.
- ☺ Do 5 things to boost another person's self-esteem eg. give a compliment.
- ☺ Do something to help the community eg. pick up a piece of rubbish.

For tips, e-books, e-posters, articles, promotional information and display signs go to <http://www.attitudespecialist.co.nz/self-esteem.htm>

Use SelfDay to be kind to yourself in this economic climate and also boost another person's self-esteem.